

### REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed August 29, 2006, claims 1-21 were allowed and claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jones (U.S. Patent No. 6,729,359). Claim 46 has been amended to include the limitation "valving operatively coupled to the gas separation module, the valving being configured to selectively deliver the nitrogen-enriched gas flow to the fuel tank without delivering the nitrogen-enriched gas flow through the fuel tank vent, and further configured to selectively deliver the nitrogen-enriched gas flow to the fuel tank vent." The Office Action admitted that Jones fails to teach and/or suggest this limitation. Consequently, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).


### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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